A+B Contracting

TH 210 – S.P. 5603-10  
Mn/DOT District 4  
Central Specialties, Inc.

This project included 21 miles of bituminous reclamation, culvert replacement, and bituminous paving on TH 210 between TH 78 in Battle Lake to TH 29. The project detour added 13 miles of travel to through traffic. A+B contracting was used to minimize the impact to motorists and businesses. Mn/DOT allowed contractors to bid up to 40 days to complete the work necessary to safely open the roadway. Central Specialties bid and completed the work in 15 days, all other contractors bid 40 days. This project also received a bituminous paving award and a work zone safety award.

Honorable Mention for A+B Contracting

TH 64 – S.P. 2903-10  
Mn/DOT District 2  
Midwest Contracting LLC

This project included the reconstruction of approximately 6 miles of TH 64 from TH 87 to County Road 33. A+B contracting was used to minimize the timeline that motorists were detoured approximately 25 miles. Mn/DOT allowed a maximum of 137 days to complete the grading operations and the non-wear course lifts of bituminous pavement. Midwest Contracting bid only 90 days. Midwest Contracting opted to complete the final wear course under the full closure to improve the quality of the product and provide a safer work zone. Midwest Contracting still was able to complete the project ahead of schedule and received an incentive of $30,000 for early completion.
Lane Rental

I-494 / Valley Creek Road Interchange - S.P. 8285-88
Mn/DOT Metro
Progressive Contractors Inc. (PCI)

This project included the reconstruction of the Valley Creek Road interchange at I-494. In addition to using A+B bidding to minimize the time that this interchange was closed to traffic, lane rental was added to minimize disruptions to I-494 through traffic. Motorists on I-494 have been subject to frequent lane closures associated with the adjacent Wakota Bridge project. Lane rental resulted in nearly 600 hours of reduced exposure to traffic restrictions and improved safety over what was anticipated. Progressive Contractors coordinated sub-contractors to reduce the number and frequency of lane closures. This project also won a bridge construction award.

Incentives for Early Completion

TH 59 – S.P. 7610-07
Mn/DOT District 4
Riley Brothers Construction, Inc.

This project included 9 miles of grading, bituminous reclamation, paving, and box culverts on TH 59 from TH 12 to the Swift County Line. To minimize the time traffic was detoured, A+B bidding with a $5,000 daily incentives for early completion was implemented. Riley Brothers was able to complete the project 10 days early and received the maximum incentive of $50,000. Riley Brothers worked cooperatively with subcontractors, Mn/DOT, and the DNR to complete a quality project that minimized impacts to the environment. This project also received the 2006 Bituminous Merit Award for Paving.
New Technologies / Practices

TH 64 – S.P. 2903-10
Mn/DOT District 2
Midwest Contracting LLC

This project included the reconstruction of approximately 6 miles of TH 64 from TH 87 to County Road 33. This project was one of the first projects in the state of Minnesota to specify intelligent compaction. Mn/DOT, Midwest Contracting, equipment manufacturers and Mn/DOT support from Iowa State University worked cooperatively to implement this new technology. Intelligent compaction technology significantly improved the quality (uniform compaction) compared to traditional methods.

Critical Path Management (CPM) Schedules

No awards were given in this category.

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